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Court takes break in Rewald's trial

The jury in the Ronald Rewald federal fraud trial went home for a long weekend yesterday after the prosecution dropped its plan to call a half-dozen rebuttal witnesses.

Rewald was due back in California early today to visit with his family, including a new granddaughter, Amanda, born this week to Rewald's son James' wife, Patricia Kaleikini Rewald.

Rewald and the jury will return to court Wednesday to hear a day of closing arguments.

Rewald admits he got investors' money under false pretenses, but says he was acting under CIA instruction.

The CIA did use Rewald to provide backstop commercial cover for some personnel, but denies involvement in soliciting more than \$20 million from about 400 investors.